

Application No. 09/726,082
Amendment "B" dated August 5, 2004
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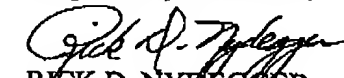
REMARKS

In the Office Action, all pending claims were rejected on the basis of a non-statutory double patenting rejection over the claims of the parent applications (now U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,141,705 and 6,370,599) from which the present application claims priority. Applicants have submitted herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, which also shows that the parent applications are commonly owned with the present application.

As noted in the Office Action, a Terminal Disclaimer is sufficient to remove this rejection. Since this was the sole rejection raised in the Office Action, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to allowance that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2004.

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